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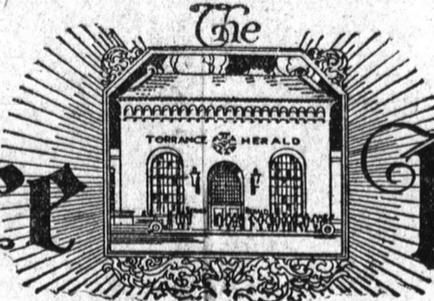
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ARMED BANDITS ENTER HOME AND RANSACK THE PREMISES

Walteria Group Compelled to Watch Their Unwelcome Visitors; Object of Search Is Not Known

While Mr. and Mrs. William Reeder, residing at 244th and Madison avenue, Walteria, and their guest, George Thomas, were quietly discussing household plans Thursday night, January 5, at 8:30 o'clock, they were startled to notice the front door swing partly open.

"Shut the door, Jean," said Mrs. Reeder to her little 6-year-old daughter, and the child obeyed, but turned back after closing the door with a frightened expression on her little face. A few minutes later a sharp ring of the door bell again interrupted the group, and again the mother directed the little Jean to attend the door.

When Jean opened the door, two strange men pushed their way inside. The first, about 25 years of age, held a gun, which he pointed at Reeder, and ordered the family to remain themselves on a divan against the wall.

"Have you any money in the house?" asked the bandit. On being told that there was none, the two men walked through the house and proceeded to search, turning out the contents of cabinets, drawers, and even the kitchen closets. They very carefully returned all articles to their places, however, and took nothing but a 45-caliber Colt belonging to Reeder. "I guess we had a bum steer," said one of the men. "This is the house that was pointed out to us, but there is nothing here." The men seemed thoroughly familiar with the premises and avoided the bedroom, where the Reeder baby was sleeping.

Both were Americans, unmasked, the youngest about 25 and the other two or three years older. Both were armed, the second bandit having his gun concealed in his coat pocket. Both were total strangers to the Reeder and Thomas, who are at a loss to account for the unexpected visit, and have no idea what the men could have been looking for in their home. They were not noticed in any way.

Seafaring Man Is Reported Culprit In Battery Case

Judge Dennis Disposes of Varied List of Cases This Week

Phillip Pettit, arraigned January 7 in the local justice court, on a charge of being intoxicated in a public place, was fined \$15 or 7 days in the county jail, of which Pettit paid \$10 the balance being suspended. Pettit had been arrested by Constable Charles R. Taber on New Year's eve on complaint of Lomita residents, and had furnished \$50 bail. He pleaded guilty in his appearance for hearing.

Ear Sandstrom, a seafaring man, arrested by Constable William Neff on January 6 on complaint of Mrs. Eva J. Holt, 2515-B Redondo boulevard, Lomita, on a charge of battery, pleaded guilty on January 7 and was fined \$50 or 25 days in the county jail. His sentence was suspended for 30 days on condition that he leave the township immediately.

L. Moscolo of San Pedro, arrested January 10 by Deputy L. G. Smith of the state fish and game department, was charged with having undersized lobsters in his possession and with fishing without a commercial license. He was fined \$30 or 10 days, which was suspended for six months, on the charge of having taken undersized lobsters. The other charge was dismissed when Moscolo produced his fishing license in court.

T. Miyamoto of Bell, who pleaded guilty on January 10 to having undersized abalones in his possession, was fined \$25 or 12 days in jail, which was suspended for one year, because of extenuating circumstances in the case. Deputy L. G. Smith brought the charge.

NEW COMPANY
Sherman Curtis of Gardena is named as one of the directors of the Pneumatic Indicator Company, for which articles of incorporation have just been issued by the state corporation commissioner.

DEININGERS AT VAN NUYS
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deininger were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Sammons at Van Nuys Sunday.

Public Meeting To Thresh Out Sewer Problem

Will Be Held January 25 At L. A. Hall of Records

At a joint meeting of all units of the Metropolitan Sanitation District held in Long Beach yesterday, discussion of the entire outfall sewer question occupied the representatives and a date was set for a public meeting to be held at the Hall of Records, Los Angeles, on Wednesday, January 25, when the people of the territory served by the proposed outfall sewer will have an opportunity to hear the matter threshed out.

According to a lengthy statement by Mayor W. T. Klusman of Torrance addressed to the board of directors of the district approximately \$7,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 bond issue voted in 1925 has been spent for trunk lines and a reduction plant. Mayor Klusman is actively supporting the completion of the sewer system by the construction of the tunnel through the Palos Verdes Hills and the outfall at White's Point, which it is estimated will take about two years. His statement opposes the use of Nigger Slough as a dumping ground for sewage and the plan to carry the waste to Tujunga Wash to be absorbed into the ground.

BIG MEETING HARBOR GROUP HERE TONIGHT

Chief of Columbia Steel Company to Be Main Speaker

Officers who will be installed in office at the meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce held tonight at the Torrance Woman's clubhouse are Carl L. Hyde of Torrance, president; Ray Baldwin of Long Beach, Leslie Mott of San Pedro and Tommy Blair of Redondo Beach, vice presidents; Loren Howe of Hawthorne, secretary; and Dr. John Clark of Redondo Beach, treasurer.

Dinner will be served by the ladies of the Torrance Woman's club at 6:30. The program will open with the singing of "America," followed by an invocation by Rev. G. G. Elder, pastor of the First Christian church. Musical entertainment will be furnished by Tom Ulrich's orchestra.

Bert W. Lanz, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will deliver the address of welcome, with response by Judge Irving P. Austin, past president of the Compton Chamber of Commerce. The new officers will then be installed.

One of the chiefs of the Columbia Steel Company has been invited to make the principal address. William A. Ross, vice president, will speak on "Industrial Development." Supervisor John R. Quinn will speak on "Highways and Industrial Development."

Reeve Is Guest of Local Legislator

Hurum E. Reeve was a guest of Representative John T. Rawls at Sacramento on Wednesday of last week, where he attended a session of the legislature. He was assigned to a seat at Rawls' desk and heard a measure introduced for the repeal of the Mattoon act. He also was present while the 22 electors assembled and cast the ballot of the state of California for Roosevelt and Garner at a joint meeting of the senate and lower house.

Miss Pearson Is Out of Hospital

Miss Opal Pearson of Beech street, who was injured in an automobile accident at Riverside several weeks ago, has left the Riverside hospital where she was being treated for internal injuries and is convalescing at San Bernardino. Miss Pearson was formerly employed at Torrance office of Southern California Telephone Company.

SUMP FIRE
A sump fire near the property of the Experimental refinery on Emerald street called out the Torrance fire department Thursday night, January 5.

Chamber Moves to Obtain Lower Rate On Rail Interchange Fee

A full directorate was in attendance at the second regular meeting of the board of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, held last Monday, at 8:00 p. m.

Referendums concerning banking and governmental debts due to the United States, submitted to the Torrance chamber by the national chamber, of which the local chamber is a member, were voted on and submitted to Washington. A resolution to the board of directors of the Metropolitan water district, setting forth recognition of their wide and successful business and professional activities during the past many years, and urging that board's continuance of its policy relative to construction of the Colorado river aqueduct, was adopted.

Consideration of a program submitted by the national chamber, outlining possible school economies throughout the nation resulted in the appointment of a committee to thoroughly analyze the proposed program after which this committee's analysis and recommendations will be transmitted to Washington. Orta E. Monnette, of banking prominence in the southland, was approved for nomination for a directorship in the United States Chamber of Commerce. A committee was formed for the purpose of effecting a possible reduction in electric power minimum rates, thus enabling favorable consideration by prospective small industries who, in the recent past, have stated a more attractive rate is available in surrounding territory.

Early Resident of Torrance Dies of Sudden Heart Attack

Roman Stachowicz, 1437 Post avenue, one of the first residents of the city of Torrance, passed away very unexpectedly at his home early Sunday morning, January 8. Mr. Stachowicz had retired early Saturday evening, after spending the afternoon in Los Angeles where he and Mrs. Stachowicz had been transacting business, apparently in the best of health. His lifeless body was found by his wife shortly after 8 o'clock Sunday morning. A physician was summoned at once, but life had fled and restorative measures were useless. Heart failure was said to be the cause of death.

Mr. Stachowicz' death was a great shock to his family, as he had never had any previous attacks, and had gone about his daily work up to the time of his demise. Mr. Stachowicz was born in Poland 53 years ago, and with his wife came to the United States 23 years ago. After spending some years in eastern cities, Auburn, New York, and South Bond, Indiana, the family came to Los Angeles where they resided until their move to Torrance 15 years ago.

Mr. Stachowicz, a blacksmith and mechanic, was then employed in the old barrel factory operated by the Union Tool Company. Later he was employed at the Pacific Electric shops, and remained at work up to the time of his sudden death. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carolina Stachowicz, and their only daughter, Miss Wanda Stachowicz.

This Community One Of Healthiest In Nation Says Report

Analysis of health reports from Torrance, Gardena and Redondo for 1932 reveal that Los Angeles county was one of the healthiest localities in the nation, according to Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer. Although the birth rate of the county decreased from 14.1 per 1000 population in 1921 to 12.6 per 1000 in 1932, the decrease was offset completely due to the decrease in infant mortality to 33.22 deaths per 1000 live births. This, Dr. Pomeroy stated, is 35 per cent below the national average and 30 per cent below the average for the state as a whole.

Only One Bid On Road Improvement In Palos Verdes

Bids will be opened soon by the county board of supervisors for the reconstruction and maintenance of streets in the Palos Verdes Estates, adjoining the city of Torrance, according to George Jones, county road commissioner. However, there will be but one bidder on the work, and that will be the road improvement district, it is explained. The area being unincorporated, and the care of the hedge-lined and tree-lined streets and parkways being indirectly in charge of the county, the county sets aside each year for that purpose the amount of money raised by the 10-cent road tax. This provides the district with twice the amount raised by the 10-cent tax.

To make it legal, the county goes through the formality of advertising for bids under cash contract on work that would cost fully twice the amount of county funds set aside. Obviously there would be but one bidder, the district, and the improvement is carried out in this manner. Plans and specifications on the work were adopted this week by the board of supervisors, upon Jones' recommendation.

New Haven Men Will Exchange Work For New License Plates

Residents at the New Haven village who have 35 cars for which new license plates must be provided, are seeking to exchange work for the price of the new plates. Anyone in Torrance who can see their way to hiring a man from the village to work out the amount of the \$3 fee is requested to get in touch with Fred Mason, by mail, Route 1, Box 422, Torrance, or by telephone, Torrance 478-J.

Water District Will Open Bids On Three Jobs

Power Line, Water Line and Road Contracts to Be Let

Metropolitan water district officials will open, next Friday, the bids on three more important jobs, preliminary to actual construction of the Colorado river aqueduct. It was announced yesterday. The work covered by the bids includes 40 miles of water line from Morongo Canyon to Mecca Pass; 36 miles of permanent road in the Coachella valley and Berdoo Canyon, and a power transmission line, 131 miles long, from Calverton to Hayfield.

Work on the three jobs, district officials indicated, is to be started at the earliest possible moment. The water system and new roads will primarily serve construction operations on the Coachella tunnel unit of the aqueduct project, the first section of the aqueduct to be set under way. The Coachella unit, including 33 miles of tunnel, is located in the Little San Bernardino mountains about 120 miles east of Los Angeles. The new power line is to serve electricity to the Coachella unit and other units farther east.

F. NOHRNBURG OVERTAKEN BY SUDDEN DEATH

Two Boys Find Body Lying In Alley Near His Home

Two young boys who were passing through an alley at the rear of residences in the 1300 block on Arlington about 4:45 Wednesday afternoon found the body of a man apparently unconscious. The boys ran to the home of Mrs. Clara Regan, 1215 Arlington, and related their story to Robert Brooks, son of Mrs. Regan, who called the Torrance police.

Sergeant John Stroh and Traffic Officer Wm. Malin responded to investigate and called Dr. A. P. Stevenson, who pronounced the man dead. A receipt for new automobile license plates found in his pockets identified the man as Frank D. Nohrnburg, residing at 2255 Torrance boulevard. He had been dead only a few minutes when found. The coroner's office was notified and the body removed to Stone & Myers mortuary, while Officer Stroh went to the Nohrnburg home to notify Nohrnburg's wife. An autopsy to determine the cause of death will be held.

Nohrnburg was about 54 years of age. He has been employed at the Columbia Steel Company plant, but recently has been working only part time, and had been putting in his spare time working at the Co-operative Relief Association. He had lived in Torrance for several years. Funeral services will be held from Stone & Myers Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made at Santa Ana.

Victim of Train And Auto Crash Buried Yesterday

Funeral services for John Richardson, killed in an automobile accident at Guasti on New Year's eve, were held Wednesday, January 11, at 10 o'clock from Hunter and Berdoofer boulevards, Los Angeles. Rev. B. L. Boswick officiated and the Torrance Modern Woodmen lodge had charge of services at the grave. Interment was made at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

City Joins League In Opposing Tax

Torrance joined with the California League of Municipalities Tuesday night when the city council adopted a resolution proposed by the league opposing the attempt of the federal government to tax states and state agencies to help balance the budget. According to Mayor W. T. Klusman, municipal property belonging to Torrance would bear a tax of about \$3500 a year if Secretary Stimson's plan is adopted by congress.

Appropriate \$4000 For Relief Fund

On recommendation of Councilman Scott R. Ludlow Tuesday night, an additional fund of \$4000 was ordered transferred from unallocated money in the city treasury to the relief fund. The original sum of \$6000 appropriated for relief work has now been practically exhausted.

CITY PLANNERS ASSOCIATION MEETS IN TORRANCE SATURDAY

Personal Invitation From Mayor Klusman Brings Important Civic Organization to Hold First 1933 Meeting

As the result of a personal invitation from Mayor William T. Klusman, the first meeting of 1933 of the Association of City Planners of Los Angeles County will be held at Earl's Cafe, Saturday, January 14. Luncheon will be served to the visitors who come from practically every city in the county at 12:15.

Applicants For Aqueduct Work Must Identify

Proof of Residents in Member Cities Required of All

Warning was issued today to all persons seeking to register for jobs on the Colorado river aqueduct project, to the effect that absolutely no applications will be accepted without satisfactory proof of residence in the Metropolitan water district from September 29, 1930. Metropolitan water district officials emphasized the point that all persons desiring to apply must bring with them voters' registration slips, cancelled rent bills, old automobile license cards, or some similar proof of residence in one of the 13 member cities of the district.

Voters League Delegation In Visit to Board

Request Changes In Management of County Relief

Request that the county pay special welfare relief workers 50 instead of 40 cents an hour was made of the board of supervisors this week by the county council of the Unemployed Voters of California. H. H. Goodpastor of Bellflower, spokesman for the delegation, said his group was comprised of unemployed of Gardena, Lomita, Bellflower, Hynes, Clearwater, Gibson Park, Norwalk and Belvedere Gardens.

Goodpastor also recommended the establishment of a county welfare bureau office at Bellflower, a change in several of the welfare bureau's administrative policies and that special welfare relief employment be placed entirely in the hands of the county bureau of employment stabilization. At the present time employment is handled in part by the county welfare bureau.

Recent Windstorm Blows Many Orders To Ideco Company

"It's an ill wind that brings nobody good," runs the old saying. The breeze which devastated the Southland early Wednesday morning, damaging citrus crops, wrecking shipping and blowing down derricks in the oil fields, brought a rush of business to the International Stacey Corporation of Torrance yesterday and today. More than 100 orders for derricks were received at the local office, and for the next week or so day and night crews will be busy filling these orders.

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Approve Changes In Arrangements

What county officials hoped would be the last change to be made in the interior arrangement of the new Torrance health center was approved by the board of supervisors this week in a supplemental contract with the Standard Cabinet Works, which furnished movable partitions for the handsome new structure.

The county profited by the change, however, in that \$17.50 was saved by the decision that it was ordered transferred from unallocated money in the city treasury to the relief fund. The original sum of \$6000 appropriated for relief work has now been practically exhausted.